

## **Hazard Elimination Program**

The Hazard Elimination Program (HEP) is funded primarily by Federal Highway Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds. Current funding is provided by the 1998 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21).

The purpose of the HEP is to reduce accidents at high accident locations on Missouri's highways. To qualify for the HEP, a project must meet several accident related criteria and yield a benefit to cost ratio of greater than 1.0. This program is administered by MoDOT's Traffic Division.

Federal participation in individual projects vary from 90 to 100 percent depending on the nature of the improvement. Some traffic signalization projects are eligible on a 100 percent basis. However, most projects are funded at 90 percent federal and are located on the state highway system.

Projects located on outstate Missouri highways which are funded with these hazard elimination funds are included in the Missouri Highway and Bridge Portion of this Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Projects of this type located in the six Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Planning Areas will be listed in the respective metropolitan area Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for that MPO urbanized area.

Funding for the hazard elimination program is \$16 million statewide each year for SFY's 2000 - 2003. In approving the SFY 2000 - 2004 STIP, the MHTC granted MoDOT the authority to program projects meeting the requirements of the Hazard Elimination Program as needed.